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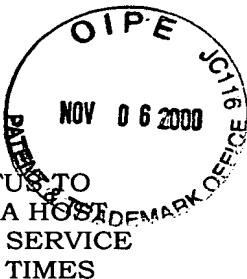
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Goldszmidt

Serial No: 09/615,677

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS TO  
CONTROL DELIVERY OF A HOST  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SERVICE  
LEVELS AND RESPONSE TIMES



Group No.: Not assigned

Examiner: Not assigned

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before examination, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the TITLE OF THE INVENTION and replace it with:

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--METHOD FOR DETERMINING A NUMBER OF FUTURE CONTENT REQUESTS THAT WILL  
ARRIVE AT AN INFORMATION DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR A PREDETERMINED FUTURE PERIOD OF  
TIME--.

On page 1, Cross-Reference to Related Applications, please delete the paragraph in its  
entirety and replace with:

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--This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. Nos. 09/615,886, filed 07/14/2000;  
09/615,892 filed 07/14/2000; 09/615,887 filed 07/14/2000; 09/616,488 filed 07/4/2000;  
09/615,962 filed 07/14/2000; 09/615,678 filed 07/14/2000; 09/616,384 filed 07/14/2000; and  
09/616,096 filed 07/14/2000, which applications are incorporated herein by reference.--

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants make the above amendment to more particularly identify the subject matter  
of the invention and to supply serial numbers of priority applications not assigned at the time  
of filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 22436-708 for any  
fees due in connection with this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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